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October 21, 2003

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Sir:

This is an information disclosure statement submitted in compliance with the timing requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), i.e., prior to a first Office Action on the merits.

A copy of a Japanese patent publication cited in a Japanese Office Action dated July 15, 2003 for the corresponding Japanese patent application is attached. Also attached is a copy of a U.S. patent corresponding to the Japanese patent publication. Both are listed on an attached Form PTO-1449. The relevance of the Japanese publication may be gleaned from the U.S. patent version as well as from the Japanese Office Action, a translation of pertinent

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Respectfully submitted,



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